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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKUO KUGIYA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.